DISTRICT REPORTS.

8. Markets how supplied.

9. Progress of agricultural operations, state of standing crops, prospects and probable outturn of harvests, serious damage done to crops by insects or other natural calamities.

10. Prospects of season, tracts in which the rainfall has been insufficient, areas affected by scarcity, number of people under relief, and state of food stocks.

11. Public health.

12. Remarks as to the condition of agricultural stock, failure of pasturage, of fodder, etc.

BANGALORE CIVIL AND MILITARY STATION.

		Average for the past five years of the corresponding week.	*Current.*	
Prices of food grains—Rice	....	7·1	5½ to 5¾	seers per rupee.
Ragi	...	17·5	10 to 11	

Agricultural operations.—Ragi thrashing.

Outturn of harvest.—Ragi, yield 4 annas.

Cattle are in good condition. Water and fodder sufficient.

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8. Markets generally well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Ploughing commenced for sugar-cane cultivation in parts of Nelamangala, and manuring of fields is going on in the Channapatna Taluk.

Standing crops.—Condition of sugar-cane is good in the Devanhalli Taluk and the Closepet Sub-Taluk, is moderate in the Nelamangala and Kankanhalli Taluks and is withering in the Magadi and Anekal Taluks. Kadle is also withering in the Dodballapur and Magadi Taluks.

Crop sown.—Sugar-cane in some places in the Bangalore, Nelamangala, Magadi and Devanhalli Taluks.

Harvest and outturn.—Sugar-cane has been harvested in some places in the Bangalore Taluk and milled in the Dodballapur, Nelamangala and Magadi Taluks; and ragi is being thrashed in some places in the Dodballapur and Anekal Taluks. The outturn of sugar-cane is, on an average, 8 annas in the Dodballapur and Nelamangala Taluks; and that of ragi is 5 annas in Dodballapur, 8 annas in Devanhalli and 3 annas in the Closepet Sub-Taluk.

10. Prospects of the season are reported to be good in the Hoskote, Dodballapur and Anekal Taluks; moderate in the Bangalore, Nelamangala, Kankanhalli, Magadi and Devanhalli Taluks and not good in the Channapatna Taluk. One hundred and twenty-six persons in the Hoskote Taluk, 256 in the Dodballapur Taluk, 628 in the Nelamangala Taluk, 40 in the Magadi Taluk and 98 in the Devanhalli Taluk, are employed on tank and well works. Fifteen decrepit persons are in receipt of gratuitous relief in the Magadi Taluk. The condition of the Kankanhalli Taluk is moderate and sufficient work is available for people in the Kankanhalli, Nelamangala, Hoskote, Magadi and Anekal Taluks. Food stuffs are available, but their prices are very high. Scarcity is felt in the Hessarghatta Hobli of Bangalore and in a few villages of the Hoskote, Dodballapur and Nelamangala Taluks.

11. Public health generally good. But small-pox in the towns of Channapatna and Closepet and plague in certain places in the Bangalore and Dodballapur Taluks are still prevailing. Fourteen cases of death from cholera have been reported from the Dodballapur Taluk.

12. It is reported that "Dod Roga" and "Chappe Roga" in some places of the Nelamangala, Magadi and Channapatna Taluks and "Dod Roga" and "Neradi Roga" in some places in the Anekal Taluk are still prevailing. Fodder is generally available for the present throughout the district; and well water is being used in some places in the taluks of Magadi, Channapatna and Anekal and in the Closepet Sub-Taluk.

KOLAR.

8. Markets moderately supplied.

9. *Standing crops* under *kapile* wells are reported to be in fairly good condition.

Crops sown.—Sugar-cane in Sidlaghatta, Chikballapur, Bagepalli, Goribidnur, Srinivaspur and Gudibanda and Vaisakhi paddy in some parts of Goribidnur.

Crops harvested.—Horse gram in Bowringpet, Bagepalli and Gudibanda; ragi in Srinivaspur and Gudibanda; and sugar-cane in all the taluks of the district.

Outturn of harvest.—

Horse gram in Bowringpet, Bagepalli and Gudibanda—Yield from 2 to 4 annas.

Ragi in Srinivaspur—Yield from 1 to 4 annas.

„ Gudibanda— Do 2 to 8 „

Sugar-cane throughout the district.—Yield from 4 to 12 annas.

10. Prospects of the season not satisfactory. Food stuffs are available; but their prices continue to be very high.

Large number of District Fund and Municipal Works now in progress in all parts of the district, is affording sufficient labour for the poor. Gratuitous relief is also being given to deserving persons in the affected tracts.

11. Except for plague in parts of the Malur Taluk and small-pox in parts of the Mulbagal Taluk, public health generally good.

12. Rinderpest is reported to be still prevailing in parts of Mulbagal, Sidlaghatta and Bagepalli. Water and fodder moderately sufficient. Temporary wells have also been sunk in parts of the Goribidnur and Srinivaspur Taluks and in Chikballapur town.

TUMKUR.

8. Supply in markets sufficient.

9. *Standing crops.*—Crops under wells and Bengal gram and cholum in the taluks of Maddagiri, Chiknayakanhalli, Sira (except Hulikunte Hobli), Gubbi, Pavagada and Kunigal and the Koratagere and Turuvekere Sub-Taluks, are reported to be in moderately good condition. Sugar-cane in the Tumkur Taluk and the Turuvekere Sub Taluk and Bengal gram and cholum in the Tiptur Taluk are withering. It is reported that "Seede Hula" has caused damage to Bengal gram and cholum in the Dodderi Hobli of the Maddagiri Taluk.

Crops sown.—Paddy under wells in the Sira Taluk.

Crops harvested.—Sugar-cane in the Tumkur, Maddagiri and Kunigal Taluks and the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk; Bengal gram in the Maddagiri and Tiptur Taluks; cholum in the Tiptur Taluk; and horse gram, castor and cotton in the Pavagada Taluk.

10. Prospects of the season not satisfactory. General condition of the district remains unchanged. The poor people find sufficient employment on the large number of works now under progress. Gratuitous relief is being given in the affected parts of the district, and Takavi advances are also being granted on a liberal scale. The prices of food grains have slightly fallen in some of the taluks.

11. Except for plague, small-pox and cholera in certain villages of the district, public health generally good.

12. "Dod Roga" is still prevailing in all the taluks, except Pavagada and Kunigal and the Koratagere Sub-Taluk. Except in the Maddagiri Taluk and the Koratagere Sub-Taluk, difficulty for water and fodder is being felt in many parts of the district. Temporary wells are being dug up in several villages to mitigate water scarcity. Water is also being bailed out from wells for cattle. Fodder for cattle is being imported in certain villages of the Kunigal Taluk and the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk. Three hundred and forty-nine cattle of the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk have returned from the forests where they had been taken for grazing.

MYSORE.

8. Markets fairly well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—All over the district lands are being ploughed up. Ragi is being thrashed in parts of the Malvalli Taluk.

Standing crops.—These are reported to be in good condition in parts of the Seringapatam Taluk and in fair condition in parts of the Chamrajnagar, Nanjangud, T.-Narsipur, Malvalli and Nagamangala Taluks. But sugar cane, Bengal gram and castor in parts of the Mysore Taluk and paddy in parts of the Mandya Taluk, are reported to be withering for want of water. Owing to recent rain, one crop of cocoons in the T.-Narsipur Taluk is reported to have been spoiled.

Crop harvested.—Bengal gram in parts of the Mandya and Nagamangala Taluks.

Estimated outturn of crops.—

In the Heggaddevankote Taluk—Paddy and ragi, yield 8 annas each.
Horse gram, togari and avare, yield 4 annas each.
Til and cholum, yield 12 annas each.

In the Nanjangud Taluk—Castor, yield 8 annas.

In the T.-Narsipur Taluk—Ragi, yield from 4 to 8 annas.
Paddy yield full crop.
Mulberry, yield 10 annas.

In the Malvalli Taluk—Ragi and paddy, yield 8 annas each.

In the Mandya Taluk—Ragi, avare and horse gram, yield from 2 to 4 annas each.
Paddy, yield from 2 to 4 annas in certain parts and from 6 to 12 annas in certain other parts.

10. Prospects of the season indifferent in certain parts and not good in others. Food stuffs are available with raiyats and merchants, but their prices are still high.

Fifty-six individuals in the Mandya Taluk, 90 in the Krishnarajpete Taluk and 614 in the Nagamangala Taluk are reported to be under gratuitous relief. It is reported that in the Krishnarajpete Taluk, Rs. 198 have been paid to 1,737 coolies employed on tank works and also that ragi worth Rs. 143-12-2 has been gratuitously distributed to relieve distress.

11. Except for plague in a few places in the district, public health generally good.

12. "Dod Roga" and "Sappe Roga" are still prevailing in parts of the district. Tanks in parts of the Mandya Taluk are running dry. Temporary wells are being sunk wherever difficulty for water is being felt. Water is available for the present in other places. Fodder is scarce in parts of the Nagamangala Taluk.

HASSAN.

8. Markets fairly well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Wet lands in the Manjarabad Taluk are being ploughed.

Standing crops.—Sugar-cane in the Hassan Taluk and paddy in the Channarayapatna Taluk are reported to be withering for want of rain; and for want of moisture, kadale (sown in tank beds) is also withering in parts of the Channarayapatna Taluk. Sugar-cane below channels in the Hole-Narsipur, sugar-cane and kadale in the Belur Taluk, and sugar-cane in the Channarayapatna Taluk are reported to be in fair condition. And kadale sown in beds of tanks in the Arsikere Taluk, is also reported to be in fair condition.

Crops harvested.—Kadale in the Hole-Narsipur Taluk and sugar-cane in the Belur Taluk and the Alur Sub-Taluk.

10. Prospects of the season generally fair, except in parts of the Arsikere, Channarayapatna, Hole-Narsipur and Belur Taluks, where they are not encouraging. Prices of food stuffs are high.

11. Except for plague in parts of the Hassan Taluk, public health generally good.

12. Except for "Dod Roga" in parts of the Manjarabad, Hole-Narsipur, Arkalgud, Arsikere and Channarayapatna Taluks, and the Alur Sub-Taluk and "foot and mouth" disease in the Arsikere Taluk, cattle are generally in fair condition. Difficulty having been felt in procuring drinking water, Rs. 4,000 have been sanctioned for sinking wells. It is reported that several raiyats themselves have sunk temporary wells in their village tank beds in the Hassan and Belur Taluks. Tank works have been started in the Channarayapatna and Arsikere Taluks to afford wages for subsistence of labourers. In parts of the Channarayapatna Taluk, dug up grass and sugar-cane leaves are being used in addition to ragi and paddy straw. Many cart loads of ragi and paddy straw are being taken to the Channarayapatna and Arsikere Taluks from the Hassan and Manjarabad Taluks and the Alur Sub-Taluk.

SHIMOGA.

8. Markets moderately supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Lands in the Sagar and Nagar Taluks are being ploughed.

Standing crops.—Bengal gram, white jolam and cotton in the maidan taluks are not in satisfactory condition.

Crop sown.—Sugar-cane is being planted in portions of the Honnali and Shikarpur Taluks and the Kumsi Sub-Taluk.

Crops harvested.—White jolam and cotton in some portions of the Channagiri Taluk. Sugar-cane milling operations are in progress in all taluks of the district.

10. Prospects of the season uncertain. People are anxiously looking forward for rain throughout the district. The general condition of the affected villages in the Shimoga, Channagiri and Honnali Taluks remains unaltered. Labour is scarce on works opened in the affected parts. Food stuffs are available, but their prices continue to be high.

11. Public health generally good. But plague has broken out in the villages of Kohalli and Kesavinakatte in the Kumsi Sub-Taluk.

12. Murrain ("Dod Roga") is prevalent in some villages of the Shimoga, Channagiri and Honnali Taluks. Water and fodder are available for the present.

KADUR.

8. Markets well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Ploughing in Chikmagalur and transplanting of Kode paddy in Mudgere are going on.

Standing crops.—Condition of these is reported to be unsatisfactory for want of timely and sufficient rain.

Crops harvested and their yield.—

In Chikmagalur—Bengal gram, castor and sugar-cane, yield from 4 to 8 annas.
Coriander and fenugreek „ 2 to 4 „

In Kadur—Wheat, Bengal gram and jola, yield 4 annas; and sugar-cane, yield 8 annas.

In Tarikere—Besige jola and cotton, yield 12 annas; and kusumbe and sugar-cane, yield 8 annas.

In Koppa—Sugar-cane, yield 12 annas.

In Yedahalli—Sugar-cane, yield from 8 to 12 annas; and areca, yield from 10 to 8 annas.

10. Though the prospects of the season continue to be as unsatisfactory as in the previous weeks, yet there seems to be no necessity for any special arrangements being made to provide for labour, owing to the poorer classes being able to find it in the fields and the ordinary public works in progress throughout the district. Food stuffs are available, but their prices continue to be still high.

11. Except for plague in certain villages of the Kadur and Tarikere Taluks, and cholera in the town of Sringeri, public health generally good.

12. Cattle generally healthy. But "Foot and Mouth" disease is reported to have broken out among cattle in certain villages of the Chikmagalur and Koppa Taluks. Water and fodder are available in the malnad, but difficulty is felt in procuring them in the maidan parts of the district.

CHITALDRUG.

8. Markets well supplied.

9. *Standing crops.*—Except those under *kapile* wells and channels which are in fairly good condition, the rest are reported to be withering for want of rain.

Crops sown.—Nil.

Crop harvested and its yield.—Castor in the Chitaldrug Taluk, yield 4 annas.

10. Prospects of the season fair, except in parts of the Chitaldrug, Challakere, Hiriyur, Davangere, Jagalur and Hosdurga Taluks. To relieve the distress of the poor and the needy, many works have been started in the affected parts of the district. There is great demand for takavi loans and gratuitous relief (in grain doles) among the poor and helpless raiyats in the affected parts of the Chitaldrug, Challakere, Hiriyur, Davangere, Jagalur and Hosdurga Taluks and the Harihar Sub-Taluk. Food stuffs are available.

11. Public health generally good.

12. Cattle healthy, except in parts of the Chitaldrug, Holalkere and Davangere Taluks, where Rinderpest is prevailing. Water and fodder available except in parts of the Chitaldrug, Challakere, Hiriyur, Molakalmuru and Hosdurga Taluks. Fodder is insufficient. Those that can afford it get it at very high rates from places where it can be had, and the others take their cattle to forests for grazing. Some persons from the Hosdurga Taluk have gone to Tarikere to procure free fodder collected by the Forest Department. Water is made available when it is found necessary, by deepening existing wells and by sinking new ones.

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